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73. LOGNOTE - Executive and Planning Staff, 18 June 1980

[ ] OBLIGATION RATE FOR MUSLIM WORLD FUNDS. In response to a phone call from [ ], O/Comptroller, to C/E&PS yesterday, I met today with [ ] DDS&T/PRS, to explain to [ ] FBIS' plans for spending the [ ] in the Muslim World package. Maury Lipton had expressed concern to [ ] about our low obligation rate for the Muslim World money and [ ] requested the session in order to be able to explain at the monthly Comptroller's meeting what progress FBIS is actually making in obligating Muslim World Funds. 25X1

I gave [ ] a list of our projected Muslim World obligations for the remainder of FY 80 and provided him with a thumbnail sketch of our progress and problems, emphasizing that the bottlenecks we have encountered in our planned activities have been largely in areas beyond our control, such as getting Ambassadorial and host country approvals. He seemed satisfied with the answers I gave to his questions and, all in all, appeared to be confident that he could adequately defend our action plan and rate of progress if called on to do so in the Comptroller's meeting. 25X1

I took advantage of the opportunity to tell [ ] that the \$1 million that was cut from the FY 81 Muslim World package would have a serious impact on our ability to carry on programs that we fully expect to get underway in FY 80. He said that although OMB did take the \$1 million out it still is in the budget and will only come out if Congress actually reduces it. He said that there apparently are a number of people on the various committees who feel that we should get it. But he said that he doesn't have any idea whether we will get [ ] 25X1

I also asked him about the \$178K we didn't get of the \$4 million appropriation actually approved by Congress for the Muslim World. He said that we could request receipt of that money, but that Keith Hall of OMB would want a very precise accounting of our spending and planned obligations before he would consider our request, since he thinks that we are not even going to be able to spend the \$3.8 million that we have.

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